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Listing of Claims:

-1-(Currently Amended)

4B1 A partition including a first and second partition frame frames and a raceway arrangement for routing utility lines in a vertically spaced relationship above an upper edge of the partition, said raceway arrangement comprising:

an elevated raceway defining an elongated passageway configured to retain utility lines in a horizontally extending manner;

a first support member extending downwardly from said elevated raceway and having a first connector spaced apart from said elevated raceway a first vertical distance, said first connector attached to said first partition frame proximate ~~an~~ a first portion of the upper edge ~~portion~~ having a first height;

a second support member extending downwardly from said raceway and having a second connector spaced apart from said raceway a second vertical distance that is different from said first vertical distance said second connector attached to said second partition frame proximate ~~an~~ a second portion of the upper edge ~~portion~~ having a second height that is different from said first height, such that said raceway is supported at a generally uniform vertical height spaced above said upper edge of said partition having portions with different heights.

-2-(Previously Amended)

The partition set forth in claim 1, wherein:

said raceway has an upwardly opening U-shape to permit lay-in of utility lines.

-3-(Previously Amended)

The partition set forth in claim 1, wherein:

said raceway includes a U-shaped channel and a flexible flap closing off said U-shaped channel.

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-4-(Previously Amended)

The partition set forth in claim 1, wherein:

said raceway includes a U-shaped channel and a pair of flexible flaps cantilevered towards one another and closing off said U-shaped channel.

-5-(Previously Amended)

The partition set forth in claim 1, wherein:

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said raceway includes a first section having a pair of support members, each having a connector spaced apart from said raceway at said first distance; and

said raceway including a second section having a pair of support members, each having a connector spaced apart from said raceway at said second distance.

-6-(Previously Amended)

The partition set forth in claim 1, wherein:

said raceway includes a pair of downwardly opening grooves extending along a lower side of said raceway, said first and second support members including a pair of extensions received in said grooves.

-7-(Currently Amended)

A partition, comprising:

a partition frame having a horizontally extending upper frame member defining an upper edge of said partition frame, said partition frame further including a pair of horizontally spaced apart vertical frame members, each having an upper end thereof secured to said upper frame member, said partition frame having a lower portion configured to abuttingly support said partition frame freestanding on a floor surface;

a horizontally extending raceway defining an elongated passageway configured to retain utility lines in a horizontally extending manner; and

a vertically extending support member including a connector connected to said partition frame, said support member ~~and~~ supporting said raceway vertically spaced above said upper frame member.

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-8-(Original)

The partition set forth in claim 7, wherein:
said vertically extending support member comprises a first support member; and
including:
a second vertically extending support member connected to said partition frame and
supporting said raceway vertically spaced above said upper frame member.

-9-(Original)

The partition set forth in claim 8, wherein:
said raceway has a U-shaped cross section.

-10-(Original)

The partition set forth in claim 8, wherein:
said raceway has a cross section including a U-shaped portion and a pair of flexible
flaps extending over and closing off said U-shaped portion.

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~~The partition set forth in claim 8, wherein:~~ A partition, comprising:
a partition frame having a horizontally extending upper frame member defining an
upper edge of said partition frame, said partition frame further including a pair of horizontally
spaced apart vertical frame members, each having an upper end thereof secured to said upper
frame member, said partition frame having a lower portion configured to abuttingly support
said partition frame freestanding on a floor surface;
a horizontally extending raceway defining an elongated passageway configured to retain
utility lines in a horizontally extending manner;
a vertically extending support member including a connector connected to said partition
frame, said support member and supporting said raceway vertically spaced above said upper
frame member;
said vertically extending support member comprises a first support member; and
including:
a second vertically extending support member connected to said partition frame and
supporting said raceway vertically spaced above said upper frame member; and wherein:

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said first and second vertically extending supports include a vertically elongated opening therethrough; and including:

a sheet extending vertically above said upper frame member, said sheet disposed within said vertically elongated openings of said first and second vertically extending supports.

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~~The partition set forth in claim 8, wherein:~~ A partition, comprising:

a partition frame having a horizontally extending upper frame member defining an upper edge of said partition frame, said partition frame further including a pair of horizontally spaced apart vertical frame members, each having an upper end thereof secured to said upper frame member, said partition frame having a lower portion configured to abuttingly support said partition frame freestanding on a floor surface;

a horizontally extending raceway defining an elongated passageway configured to retain utility lines in a horizontally extending manner;

a vertically extending support member including a connector connected to said partition frame, said support member and supporting said raceway vertically spaced above said upper frame member;

said vertically extending support member comprises a first support member; and including:

a second vertically extending support member connected to said partition frame and supporting said raceway vertically spaced above said upper frame member; and wherein:

said raceway including a pair of grooves extending along a lower side thereof;

said first and second support member members including a pair of extensions received in said grooves.

-13-(Currently Amended)

A partition system, comprising:

a first partition frame having a first side edge and including a lower portion configured to abuttingly support said first partition frame section freestanding on a floor surface, said first partition frame having a horizontal upper edge;

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a second partition frame having a second side edge connected to said first side edge and a lower portion configured to abuttingly support said second partition frame freestanding on a floor surface, said second partition frame having a horizontal upper edge;

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said first and second partition frames having different heights such that said upper edges are positioned at different elevations when said first and second partition frames are positioned on a floor surface; and

an elongated horizontal elevated raceway configured to support horizontally extending utility lines, said raceway including a support member connected to said a selected one of said first and second partition frame frames and supporting said raceway vertically spaced above said upper edges of said first and second partition frames.

-14-(Original)

The partition set forth in claim 13, wherein:

said raceway is generally parallel to said horizontal upper edges of said first and second partition frames.

-15-(Original)

The partition set forth in claim 14, wherein:

said raceway has a cross sectional shape with a U-shaped portion to permit lay-in of utility lines.

-16-(Original)

The partition set forth in claim 15, wherein:

said raceway includes a pair of generally horizontal flexible flaps closing off said U-shaped portion.

-17-(Currently Amended)

~~The partition set forth in claim 13, wherein:~~ A partition system, comprising:
a first partition frame having a first side edge and including a lower portion configured to abuttingly support said first partition frame section freestanding on a floor surface, said first partition frame having a horizontal upper edge;

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a second partition frame having a second side edge connected to said first side edge and a lower portion configured to abuttingly support said second partition frame freestanding on a floor surface, said second partition frame having a horizontal upper edge;

said first and second partition frames having different heights such that said upper edges are positioned at different elevations when said first and second partition frames are positioned on a floor surface;

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an elongated horizontal elevated raceway configured to support horizontally extending utility lines, said raceway including a support member connected to said a selected one of said first and second partition frames and supporting said raceway vertically spaced above said upper edges of said first and second partition frames;

said first and second partition frames each include side edges defining first and second panel widths, said raceway including a first section having a length that is less than said first panel width, said raceway further including a second section having a length that is less than said second panel width such that said first and second sections of said raceway are spaced apart to form a gap therebetween.

-18-(Original)

The partition set forth in claim 17, wherein:

said first and second partition frames are connected together at an angle to form an L-shape in plan view.

-19-(Original)

The partition set forth in claim 13, wherein:

said first and second partition frames each include a horizontal row of openings adjacent said upper edges;

said support member including an extension engaging at least a selected one of said openings to connect said support member to a selected one of said first and second partition frames.

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The partition set forth in claim 13, including:
a vertical utility conduit connected to said raceway and extending downwardly therefrom to a level below at least a selected one of said horizontal upper edges.

-21-(Original)

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a plurality of L-shaped clips to retain utility lines, each clip connected to said utility conduit and extending therefrom in a cantilevered manner.

-22-(Original)

The partition set forth in claim 21, wherein:
said vertical utility conduit includes a receptacle at a lower end thereof.

-23-(Original)

The partition set forth in claim 20, wherein:
said raceway includes at least one groove on a lower side thereof;
said utility conduit having an extension received in said groove.

-24-(Original)

The partition set forth in claim 20, wherein:
said utility conduit includes spaced side edges; and including:
a clip having L-shape and a pair of opposed grooves that receive said side edges to retain said clip on said utility conduit and retain utility lines along said utility conduit.

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A partition frame, comprising:
a vertical frame member including a pair of vertical rows of openings; and
a clip for routing and retaining utility lines along said vertical frame member, said clip including a pair of extensions extending inwardly towards one another and received within selected ones of said openings.

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-26-(Original)

The partition frame set forth in claim 25, wherein:
said partition frame defines vertical side faces, said vertical rows of openings opening outwardly.

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A partition panel, comprising:
a generally rectangular partition frame having base configured to support said partition frame freestanding on a floor surface, said partition frame having a horizontal upper edge;
a pair of vertical extension members, each having a vertically elongated opening therethrough; and
a sheet extending upwardly above said upper edge and disposed within said vertically elongated openings to retain said sheet in a vertically extending configuration.

-28-(Original)

The partition panel set forth in claim 27, including:
a horizontally extending raceway configured to support and route utility lines, said raceway secured to said vertical extension members above said sheet.

-29-(Original)

The partition panel set forth in claim 28, wherein:
said partition frame includes a horizontal row of openings adjacent said horizontal upper edge; and
said vertical extension members engaging selected ones of said openings to mount said extension members to said partition frame.

-30-(Original)

The partition panel set forth in claim 28, wherein:
said raceway has a U-shaped cross section to permit lay-in of utility lines.

-31-(Original)

The partition panel set forth in claim 28, wherein:
said raceway has a cross-sectional shape including a U-shaped portion, and a pair of flexible flaps extending over and generally closing off said U-shaped portion.

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A partition, comprising:

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a partition frame having a horizontally extending upper frame member defining an upper edge of said partition frame, said partition frame further including a pair of horizontally spaced apart vertical frame members, each having an upper end thereof secured to said upper frame member, said partition frame having a lower portion configured to abuttingly support said partition frame freestanding on a floor surface;

a horizontally extending raceway defining an elongated passageway configured to retain utility lines in a horizontally extending manner; and

a vertically extending support member connected to said upper frame member of said partition frame and supporting said raceway on said upper frame member vertically spaced above said upper frame member.

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The partition set forth in claim 32, wherein:

said support member is horizontally spaced from said vertical frame members.
